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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: BREZHNEV WARNING ON FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN ZAIRE

1. EMBASSY WISHES TO NOTE PASSAGE ON ZAIRE IN BREZHNEV
APRIL 18 DINNER SPEECH TO VISITING SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD.
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PASSAGE IS RELATIVELY SHORT AND WE QUOTE IT IN FULL
(INFORMAL TRANSLATION).

BEGIN QUOTE: TODAY IT IS NECESSARY TO SPEAK ABOUT
THIS (CREATION OF NEW CONFLICT SITUATIONS) ESPECIALLY
IN CONNECTION WITH ATTEMPTS OF IMPERIALIST FORCES
AND THEIR ACCOMPLICES TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL

MILITARY CONFLICT IN ZAIRE.

WE HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN ABOUT THIS AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN: IF IN THE CENTER OF AFRICA A NEW SOURCE OF TENSION ARISES, THEN ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT WILL LIE ON THOSE WHO VIOLATE ONE OF THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF INTERSTATE RELATIONS - THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. WE ARE DECISIVELY AGAINST SUCH ACTIONS WHEREEVER THEY TAKE PLACE. THOSE WHO GET INVOLVED IN SOMEONE ELSE'S AFFAIRS, WHO CARRY OUT A POLICY OF THE GROWTH OF THE CONFLICT SITUATION IN ZAIRE AND AROUND IT, SHOULD SERIOUSLY THINK OF THE CONSEQUENCES TO WHICH THIS MIGHT LEAD. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: BREZHNEV WARNING FOLLOWS INCREASED SOVIET MEDIA ATTENTION TO FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN ZAIRE. INDICATIVE WAS ARTICLE IN APRIL 17 KRASNAYA ZVEZDA BY YU. GAVRILOV ON NATO ADVENTURISM IN ZAIRE WHICH, IT WAS CHARGED, WAS DESIGNED TO DEFLECT ATTENTION FROM DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. APRIL 17 PRAVDA "INTERNATIONAL WEEK" COLUMN BY YU. ZHUKOV, ON THE OTHER HAND, CHARGED THAT IMPERIALISTS WANTED TO BRING THE ARABS INTO THE STRUGGLE IN ZAIRE IN ORDER TO DEFLECT ATTENTION FROM THE ME.

3. BREZHNEV'S WARNING ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT ARE IN THEMSELVES IRONIC GIVEN THE PROBABLE CUBAN, ANGOLAN, SOVIET LINK WITH THE INVADING FORCES, BUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EVEN MORE IRONIC IS THE FACT THAT ASAD'S ANSWERING SPEECH TO BREZHNEV CONTAINED A LENGTHY DEFENSE OF THE SYRIAN INTERVENTION IN LEBANON.
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